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SUBJECT: JWG ON TECHNOLOGY, RESEARCH AND

DEVELOPMENT: AGENDA

1. WE DISCUSSED THE JUNE 5-6 MEETING OF THE JWG ON TECHNOLOGY, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT WITH DR. HASSAN ISMAIL APRIL 29. DR. ISMAIL, REPEATING HIS PRVIOUS POSITION, SAID THAT HE INTENDS TO CONCENTRATE ON PRODUCING RESULTS FROM THE FIVE AREAS WHICH HAVE ALREADY BEEN AGREED UPON AT THE NOV 1974 JWG MEETING, NAMELY, A) REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF LABORATORY EQUIPMENT, B) WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AND TREATMENT, C) BUILDING MATERIALS AND BUILDING TECHNOLOGY, D) INFORMATION SYSTEMS, AND E) LAKE NASSER WATER PROBLEMS. DR. ISMAIL SAYS THEREFORE JUNE MEETING SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON WORK LEFT UNDONE IN ORDER TO BRING "SATISFACTORY" RESULT.

2. HE HAS NOT MET, HOWEVER, WITH DELEGATION NOR HAS HE DISCUSSED FUTURE PROJECTS WITH NEW MINISTER OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND NUCLEAR POWER OR NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY. HE DOES NOT KNOW, THEREFORE, IF THERE WILL BE ANY NEW SUBJECTS TO BE RAISED. HE SAID THAT, UPON REVIEWING PROGRESS IN THE FIVE ALREADY AGREED-UPON AREAS, IF IT APPEARS SUFFICIENT PROGRESS IS BEING MADE IN ANY ONE OF THEM, HE WOULD CONSIDER PERHAPS ADDING ANOTHER ONE OR TWO ITEMS TO THE LIST.

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3. WE BELIEVE THAT HASSAN ISMAIL'S APPROACH TO JWG MEETING

IS A SOUND ONE, AS WE DISCOVERED AT THE MEETING IN
NOVEMBER, OUR OWN RESOURCES ARE LIMITED AND OUR INTERESTS
ARE BEST SERVED BY NOT HAVING THE EGYPTIANS APPEAR WITH THE
KINDS OF SHOPPING LISTS WHICH THEY PRESENTED LAST AUGUST
AND WHICH WE HAVE LITTLE OR NO HOPE OF BEING ABLE TO FULFILL.
WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT THE DEPT UNDERTAKE A SYSTEMATIC REVIEW
OF THE PROGRESS TO DATE IN EACH OF THE AREAS MENTIONED AND
WITH VIEW TO PROPOSING FURTHER LINES OF COOPERATION IN THESE
FIELDS.

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